Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar: Records are not before Government to warrant the giving of a definite answer.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know whether Mr. Arumuham Pillai is a subject of His Highness the Maharaja?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar: Yes, Sir,

Pensioned officers taking part in movements against the interest of the State.

61. ***Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that any pensioned officers of Travancore are engaged in delivering speeches or are involved in movements calculated to foster communal feuds in the country, to create hatred against Government in others and to cause discord in the land;

(*b*) if so, who such pensioned officers are; and

(*c*) whether the Government have taken any action against them?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Some pensioned officers are suspected to take part in such activities.

(*b*) The Government are aware of the names but do not think it is in the public interests to disclose them at present.

(*c*) They are considering this question.

Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju: പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെ ഇടയിൽ അസ്വസ്ഥതയുണ്ടാക്കിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ പെൻഷൻഡു ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ പേരുകൾ പ്രസ്താവിക്കുന്നതിനു ഗവണ്മെൻറു മടിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണ്.

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The answer is that it is not desirable in the public interest to disclose the names of those retired officers. It is only suspected that they are taking part in such activities. There must be definite proof before any action is taken against them.

Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju: ഇതുവരെ കിട്ടിയിട്ടുള്ള അറിവുകളെവച്ചുകൊണ്ടു ഏതെല്ലാം പെൻഷൻഡ് ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I have already stated that the names will not be mentioned.

Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju: അവരുടെ പേർ പറയുന്നതു പൊതുജനതാല്പര്യത്തിനു എങ്ങിനെ ഹാനികരമാകുമെന്നു പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

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Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: That is what the Government think.

Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju : ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള കാര്യങ്ങൾ പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെ അറിവിൽ പെടുത്താതെ ദീർഘകാലമായി വെച്ചു കൊണ്ടിരിന്നക്കുതനിമിത്തമാണ അവരുടെ ഇടയിലുള്ള അസംതൃപ്തി കുറവുവരാതിരിക്കുന്നതെന്നുള്ള സംഗതി ബോദ്ധ്യമായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. R. Elankath : May I know whether it is the policy of Government to prohibit pensioned officers from taking part in politics?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The policy is to prohibit pensioned officers from taking part in activities against Government.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know whether there is a recent order of the Bombay Government to the effect that pensioned officers can take part in such activities?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I have no information.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know whether there are pensioned officers nominated to the Legislature by the Government?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I ask whether they are allowed to express their independent opinion?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: They can do so.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know whether they are allowed to give their independent opinion as much as elected members of the Legislature?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: There is no objection to do so.

Mr. R. V. Thomas: May I know whether the pensioned officers can give their opinions even when their opinions are against Government?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: They have as much freedom in expressing their opinion as the elected members.

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